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Northville Township clerk, trustee to switch jobs

Two Northville Township elected officials will switch jobs and titles next month, following the resignation of Township Clerk Roger Lundberg.

Lundberg submitted his resignation during the Feb. 16 meeting of the board of trustees, effective next month. The board immediately appointed current Trustee Cynthia Jankowski to complete his unexpired term as township clerk. The trustees then appointed resigning clerk, Lundberg, to fill the vacancy on the board created by Jankowski's appointment to his previous position.

Lundberg said he is stepping down from the full-time position as township clerk to spend more time with his wife, Jeanne, his two children and three grandchildren.

"It was an honor and pleasure to be elected to the office of township clerk," said Lundberg.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years working for you and look forward to serving

as trustee. As trustee, I do plan to stay actively involved in Legacy Park's development, our pathways committee and other township activities," Lundberg said in his letter of resignation.

During his tenure as clerk, Lundberg upgraded the video surveillance monitoring of the election drop box; introduced a first-ever spring Shred-It event for residents while retaining the fall Shred-It event; added an electronic document management system to store documents as part of the office records management responsibility and facilitated a quarterly homeowners association forum, among other accomplishments.

"Residents will see the same faces in slightly different places," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "This gives the township the important continuity that the clerk position demands, while also respecting the voice of the voters from the 2020 election."



Roger Lundberg



Cynthia Jankowski

Both changes take effect March 16.

Abbo said he's confident Jankowski will continue the high level of service that Lundberg has provided during his tenure.

"As a paralegal and former president of the Northville Board of Education, Trustee Jankowski has proven leader-

ship," Abbo said. "She also worked closely with Roger on clerk-related responsibilities during her time on the board of trustees, and we are happy that she's expressed an interest in the position. Her willingness to accept this new role will serve our community well," he said.

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Canine classmate Plymouth-Canton schools welcome K-9, therapy dog to classrooms

Third graders at Smith Elementary School got a surprise visit this month from a soon-to-be part-time classmate whose special needs include a few kind words, a smile - and a water bowl.

Echo, a cheerful 3-year-old Labrador retriever, recently made the rounds of the school-classrooms as part of his training to become a fully certified K-9 dog with side duties as a therapy dog. During the next few weeks, Echo will visit schools throughout Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district so he can become accustomed to his surroundings and most importantly, the students, teachers and staff who work, teach and learn in the two dozen district school buildings.

Echo's handler, Scott Hughesdon, said Echo's top job will be providing safety, security and comfort. Hughesdon retired from the Canton Police Department in 2017 and now works at the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. He is working with master handler Scott Wilkes, a retired Dearborn Police Department officer, to ensure the best training for Echo.

"Echo is going to be a great addition to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools," Hughesdon said. "He'll be the eyes and ears at our schools. He's going to work very hard to keep everyone safe and



Scott Hughesdon and his partner, Echo, introduce themselves to Laura Schroeder's third-grade class at Smith Elementary School.

secure."

Echo was named for Ed Jagst, a Canton Township police officer who was killed in 2021. Jagst's radio call sign was Echo 52. The dog is going through a 12-week training at the K9 Academy Training Facility in Taylor, which includes learning to detect firearms and explosives as well as being a four-legged comfort to students.

Members of the Plymouth Canton Board of Education have strongly supported efforts to bring Echo to the district.

"Families in our community want to be sure they're sending their children to safe schools



Scott Hughesdon has taken on the handling and training of Echo, the first K-9/therapy dog in the Plymouth Canton Community School district.

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Karl's Cabin owners plan to re-open following extensive repairs

News of the fire at Karl's Cabin, a beloved mainstay in Plymouth, sent shock waves through the community last Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The three alarm fire began at about 6:15 p.m. according to official reports and was ignited from a carelessly disposed cigarette outside the back entrance. The blaze traveled to a nearby storage container and then to the rear wall of the log cabin building. Officials said high winds were a contributing fac-

tor in the rapid spread of the fire which caused severe damage to the restaurant dish tank, walk-in coolers, banquet room and the offices on the second floor, according to the restaurant Facebook page.

No injuries were reported from the fire but the entire dining room had to be immediately evacuated and diners urged to leave the parking areas to allow fire trucks to enter.

The Gotfredson Road restaurant has been owned by the

Poulos family for nearly 40 years since it was opened by Karl Poulos in 1982. The log-cabin building has a much longer and colorful history in the community. Opened first as a roadhouse in 1942, it became known for traveling musicians, including a young Johnny Cash.

Peter Poulos who operates the restaurant with his mother and brother Lewis, said, in a social media post, that customers and staff members remained calm as smoke began

to fill the dining area during the evacuation which took place during peak dining hours. The building sustained heavy fire, smoke and water damage according to official reports, but firefighters saved the bar, kitchen and dining room.

"We would like to thank the community for the outpouring of love and support. We are so grateful for all the kind posts, text messages, phone calls,

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CANTON - SUMPTER

Legislator blasts ‘thoughts and prayers’ after shooting

State Rep. Ranjeev Puri, D-Canton Township, did not mince words in a statement issued following the shootings at Michigan State University. Three students were killed and five wounded during the incident that sent shockwaves across the country.

Puri offered condolences to the families of the injured and the survivors of the deceased students but had no sympathy for his fellow lawmakers last week.

“F--- your thoughts and prayers,” he said in a statement that went viral on social media, prompting both support and criticism.

“What happened in East Lansing is unfortunately far too common. Going to school in America, whether it's pre-school or college, means risking your life every day to the threat of a mass shooting,” Puri said. “Yet all we have offered up are empty solutions-traumatizing active shooter drills and bulletproof backpacks.

“We are not even two full months into 2023, and this marks the 67th mass shooting of the year, along with over 2,215 mass shooting gun deaths,” he said. “Thoughts and prayers without action and change are meaning-

less.

“We will not stop until our students can attend school without fear, our communities can attend places of worship in peace, and our society is safe from senseless gun violence,” the statement concluded.

According to police reports, the assailant, Anthony McRae, 43, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound the same day he allegedly entered two buildings on the Michigan State campus and began firing a weapon. To date, authorities have not released a motive for the rampage.



State Rep. Ranjeev Puri

Sumpter trustee criticizes ‘obscene’ cost for sewer repairs

A \$24,500 pump line repair was approved by members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees despite the concerns of Trustee Don LaPorte who called the continued expenses at the facility "obscene."

The proposed repairs of the exit lines at the Sumpter and Willis Road pump station were brought to the attention of the board members by Township Manager Tony Burdick during the Feb. 14 meeting. Burdick told the trustees that repairs at the station were an immediate concern.

"This is something that could all of a sudden blow and be a lot worse," Burdick told the board members. "Popular opinion is that it is as close to being an emergency as it can get."

Trustee Matt Oddy questioned the repair request noting that the township had redone the whole station recently. "I know we ended up having overages of close to \$20,000," Oddy said, questioning the failure to repair the exit pumps at the time of the previous work. Burdick noted that the previous pump station project was completed in September of 2019 for a total cost of \$140,000 and that there were some change orders and overrides. He said he had no directives as to the reason the current failing lines were not repaired at that time.

"There is no record of any noted deficiencies" Burdick said, referring to the

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engineering reports for the 2019 repairs. He said, however that a current examination "blatantly showed the issue that we didn't realize existed." He explained that two exit feedlines have developed holes and the damage is getting progressively worse. He repeated that he had no documentation for any reason the issue was not addressed during previous repairs.

LaPorte told the board members, "I about lost my mind when I saw this on the agenda." He said that he had been adamant at the time of the previous work at the station that the work should be "all encapsulated." He said previous reports during the 2019 project included change orders to replace the incoming lines and a liner because the hydrogen sulfide gas caused damage.

"And now I'm expected to believe that nobody saw two pipes that carry product out. That they were never looked at? It's another \$24,500. I have to ask 'what else are you going to miss in another six

months?' I am not warm and fuzzy about paying \$24,500 for two exit lines."

LaPorte "strongly" suggested the board table the proposed repair "until we have a totality of all-encompassing costs and I mean everything that could come up as it relates to this hole we keep shoveling money into. It's absolutely obscene the amount of money we keep putting into this hole."

Burdick explained that the proposed contractor was not the same vendor who

provided the previous repairs.

Oddy said he wanted to ensure that the current contract for the repairs include a statement that the previous evaluation was not properly done.

"I don't know if there's a way to go back on the contractor. We have to rely on the professionals and engineers that do this work for a living. Just tell us if it is good, bad or indifferent. They should have some responsibility when they evaluate pipes and say they are stable."

Burdick explained that if the pipes were to fail, "the cost could be \$1,000 a day if the pipes were inoperable."

Following lengthy discussion, the board members approved the repair to be completed by Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. Work. LaPorte cast the lone no vote while Trustee Peggy Morgan was absent from the meeting.

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Notice of Public Hearing

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:

DATE OF HEARING:

TIME OF HEARING:

PLACE OF HEARING:

Request for Special Land Use at Halyard Ridge Business Park

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a Special Land Use at Halyard Ridge Business Park, located at 15000 Ridge Road (Tax ID# 78 006 99 0001 002). The applicant is seeking to construct an outdoor storage area behind the approved industrial building on the site. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm, to hear public comment.

Written comments will be received by postal mail or email to planning@plymouthtwp.org until close-of-business on March 14, 2023. View the digital plans here, or in-person at the 2nd Floor Public Services Counter of Plymouth Township Hall (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM): www.plymouthtwp.org/government/departments/community_development/current_projects.php

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Plymouth Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Publish on, or before: February 28, 2023

Gail Grieger, Secretary, Planning Commission

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

2023

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.

THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

4:30 PM Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 13th, 2023

1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 12:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursdays at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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CITY OF ROMULUS

2023 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 13, 2023:

March 14, 2023:

March 15, 2023:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review **MUST** receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents **MUST** submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 18, 2023:

December 12, 2023:

9:30 am

9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the “Open Meetings Act”.

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INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF ROMULUS

ITB 22/23-16 - PROJECT #0155-22-0060

BRANDT ROAD CONCRETE PAVING CDBG PROJECT

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the Brandt Road Concrete Paving CDBG Project. The project is located on the approximately 0.5-mile stretch of Brandt Road between Dorset Street and Dru Avenue south of Eureka Road between Middlebelt Road and Merriman Road. The work includes replacement of the existing concrete pavement with 8-inch non-reinforced concrete with integral curbs placed on existing aggregate base material.

No pre-bid meeting is required.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on February 28, 2023. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 22/23-16 - PROJECT #0155-22-0060

BRANDT ROAD CONCRETE PAVING CDBG PROJECT

City of Romulus Clerk's Office

11111 Wayne Road

Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents shall be on file after 1:00 PM, February 14, 2023, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711).

Companies can also view or download copies of the plans and bid documents from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn>).

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest. This is a Federally funded project. The contractor and subcontractors must comply with Equal Employment Opportunity requirements, Davis-Bacon Wages, and other requirements as set forth in the bid documents. Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises seeking bid opportunities under this project are encouraged to respond.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Rich Hobgood of OHM at 734-466-4492 or via email at rich.hobgood@ohm-advisors.com.

The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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NORTHVILLE

Chamber plans first ‘red carpet’ awards dinner

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is rolling out the red carpet March 9 to honor seven local residents for their contributions to the community.

During the first Northville Community Awards Dinner residents will be recognized for a variety of accomplishments, according to chamber Events

Manager Matt Zook. Awards will be presented for business excellence, volunteers of the year and the prestigious John Genitti Citizen of the Year honor.

Volunteers honored during the event will include Sher Watkins of the Chamber of Commerce; Nancy Darga of the City of Northville; Jeff Oles from Northville

Township and Linda Bastien from the Northville District Library. The Citizen of the Year is a closely guarded secret, Zook said.

Special guests will include Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull and Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo. This is a red-carpet event, Zook said, so guests can wear their finest attire

and enjoy photo ops during the evening. Entertainment will be provided by the newly-formed Northville Chorale and there will be a gift basket raffle.

The dinner will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main St., Northville. Dinner is scheduled to be served at 6 p.m. and the awards

presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre, 135 East Main St. in downtown Northville.

Tickets are priced at \$75 per person for chamber members and \$85 for non-members and are available online at: <https://www.northville.org/northville-community-awards-dinner>

Heated competition

Chili’in the Ville pits township against city firefighters

It will be a heated competition when firefighters from Northville Township defend their title as the best chili cooks in town against their archrivals from the City of Northville Fire Department Feb. 25.

The annual event, Chili'in the Ville, is planned for 1 until 5 p.m. Feb. 25 when cooks from the two fire departments, along

with several local restaurants, offer their very best chili recipes in an effort to win the title. In addition to the chili contest, there will be zoo animal ice sculptures on display throughout downtown, organizers said.

In addition to the fire department cooks, restaurant competitors this year include 2021 defending professional champi-

on Browndog Barlor & Restaurant along with Center Street Grill; The Exchange Bar & Grill; Garage Grill & Fuel Bar; Lava Grille Northville; The Little Salumi; Lucy & The Wolf; North Center Brewing; Northville Sports Den; Sweet Brew N' Spice Café; Table 5, 126 E. Main St.; Toria and Tuscan Café.

Ice sculptures have been sponsored by Center Street Grill where there will be a live carving demonstration; Center Street Wealth Strategies; Dancing Eye Gallery; K & B Jewelers; Lucy & The Wolf; Orin Jewelers; Sweet Brew N' Spice; Table 5 and Tuscan Café, where there will also be a live carving demonstration.

Tickets are available to purchase in sets of eight for \$10. Each ticket provides a sample-size portion of chili from participating businesses. To purchase tickets, visit Mod Market online, or at 150 Mary Alexander Court, or use the QR code found on Chili'in the Ville posters located in town. Tickets are non-refundable.



First in class

Northville Township Fire Department Lt. Adam Burton recently completed the State of Michigan Fire Officer III certification course and test. This was the first offering of the Fire Officer III curriculum in Michigan, making Burton one of the first in the state to achieve this certification. This training is based on NFPA 1021: Standards for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. The program is designed for executive-level fire officers and focuses on the principles of management, including leadership techniques, health and safety, training and professional development.

City purchases property for farmers market

Plans for the relocation of the Northville Farmers Market are moving forward with the purchase of the former McDonald Ford site and approval of a due-diligence contract.

Northville City Council members approved the \$1 million purchase agreement for the property at Seven Mile and Main Street with provisions for one to two due diligence peri-

ods. The council approved a not-to-exceed \$24,000 contract with OHM to address the site requirements as part of the first due diligence period. OHM personnel will determine the feasibility of operating the Farmers Market at the site and determine whether the property could accommodate a potential multi-use Farmers Market building for year-round use.

The Farmers Market is man-

aged by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the city acts as the host for the weekly event.

Councilwoman Barbara Moroski-Browne requested the city include a 20 percent contingency allotment be added to the project cost allowing the city manager funding to consult an experienced farmers' market operator.

The initial due diligence period, procured with a \$50,000

deposit, ends April 29. AKT Peerless is performing the environmental due diligence examination. A second due diligence period of six months may be procured for a second \$50,000 deposit. If the property sale is complete, these deposits will be counted toward the purchase price.

If the city does not close the deal, the deposits are forfeited, officials noted.

Maple syrup tours set to begin at Maybury Farm

Maple Syrup Tours will take place at Maybury Farm in Northville Saturdays and Sundays from March 11 through April 2. The tours begin with a tractor-pulled wagon ride into the woods to see how maple trees are tapped and watch and taste the sap run. This is a walking trip into the Sugar Bush, so visitors should be prepared to walk a short distance, the farm manager explained.

Visitors will return to the farm by wagon ride and be taken directly to the Sugar Shack to see how the sap becomes maple syrup. Visitors can also enjoy a visit with the farm animals while

at the farm, organizers said.

After the tour, visitors can warm up in the Maybury Farm General Store where hot drinks and snacks are available to purchase. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is also available for purchase along with free recipes which use maple syrup.

The cost for the popular event is \$10 per person, with children 2 and younger admitted at no cost with an adult. Group tours are available for any group of 15 or more paid admissions.

Space is limited for each tour and visitors are asked to be at the wagon loading area 15 minutes prior to the assigned tour time,

late arrivals cannot be accommodated. The wagon ride to and from the Sugar Bush is included in admission.

Appropriate dressing for the unpredictable Michigan March weather and shoes comfortable for the walk into the wooded area are advised. The outdoor walking tour is sometimes wet and snow covered.

Tours depart on the half hour from 12:30 until 4 p.m. when the last wagon leaves for the wooded area. The tours are dependent on the weather. Visitors should call to ensure the tours are scheduled in the event of freezing temperatures, high winds or

ice. Closures will be announced on the website as soon as possible.

Reservations are not required and tickets are sold at the door. Space for the popular tours is limited, organizers advised, and tickets usually sell out quickly.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville and is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a registered 501 c 3 organization. The farm entrance is about a quarter mile past the state park entrance off Eight Mile Road.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

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Jankowski served on the Northville Board of Education for nine years, with three terms as president. In 2020, she was elected to the board of trustees and has served on the Senior Advisory Commission and Northville Youth Network Committee. She also is a leasing coordinator for a local developer and a 15-year paralegal.

“It has been a pleasure working with Roger, and I am excited to have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps,” Jankowski said. “With the passage of Proposal 2 last year, there will be a lot of changes in election law. I am looking forward to the opportunity to ensure that every vote is counted, and that our elections are safe and secure.”

This appointment process follows state law MCL 168.370, which governs how townships fill vacant offices, according to a prepared statement from township officials.



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- Organizing the annual Fourth of July Parade
- Purchasing kids' fire helmets for Fire Department to give away
- Conducting the Pancake Breakfast at the Fall Festival annually
- Collecting parking fees at city events and splitting proceeds with the city
- Kiwanis has donated nearly \$10,000 to the Plymouth Library for a Teen Zone
- Donated \$4,000 and labor at the PARC rain gardens and will paint two buildings near the PARC football field
- Annual Christmas decorations at Tonquish Manor
- Purchased chairs, display racks and a video system for the Friendship Station
- Purchased laptops for the Council on Aging
- Purchased a new dishwasher for the Historical Society
- Painted the display area and halls at the Arts Council building
- Extensive work with both the Salvation Army and United Way Make a Difference Day
- Annual support of Opportunity House, the PCCS Clothing Bank, the SJ5K and the Plymouth Goodfellows.

Are you ready to help our community thrive, prosper and grow?

We invite you to join the



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To contact Kiwanis Club President Jack Schwartz, send an email to presidentplymouthnoonkiwanis@gmail.com or leave a message at (734) 765-0502.



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PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

Veterans memorial will be returned to municipal complex

Members of the Romulus City Council voted unanimously to return the city Veterans Memorial to the grounds of the municipal complex.

The vote came following a public hearing at city hall last Monday, Feb. 13, when several local residents offered opinions and concerns about the reinstallation of the monument. The memorial was disassembled during construction of the new court house and has been in storage at the DPW facility for more than a year.

Mayor Robert McCraight introduced the issue during his report to the members of the council. He said he was confident that the majority of the people who attended the public hearing were in favor of having the memorial at the city hall complex.

A proposal to move the memorial from the former site to the grounds of the historic Peter C. Bird House near Wayne and Vining Road was favored by some residents who attended the hearing. Moving the monument to the Bird House site would have included the establishment of a veterans park on the property which has been designated as a registered national historic site.

Following a formal motion by Councilman Bill Wadsworth to reinstall the memorial at the southwest corner of the municipal complex, Councilwoman Tina Talley noted that during the study session preceding the meeting, the “overwhelming majority of those in attendance” wanted the memorial to be reinstalled on the municipal site.

“I believe in building for those coming in the future,” Talley said, “I believe in building for those who come after us but this is what the majority of people want so I will be voting in favor of this.”

Council President John Barden agreed with Talley's assessment. “We asked for a show of hands and when I looked out, the majority of those (at the public hearing) wanted to keep it here.”

Councilwoman Kathy Abdo said she wanted to comment on the dignity and respect those who attended the hearing showed for the differing opinions expressed during the discussion.

Following the unanimous vote, McCraight said he wanted to compliment Jill Martin, who was involved in the proposed location for the memorial.

“She had the courage to have that vision and she came up with a great idea, did the homework, supplied data, talked to people. This is democracy at its best. We're going to keep it here,” McCraight said. No timeline for the reconstruction of the monument was discussed.

Councilwoman Eva Webb was absent from the meeting.

This is democracy at its best.

We're going to keep it here.

Karl's

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emails and personal visits. We would like to send a special shout out to all the area agencies and departments for saving the cabin including fire departments from the City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Township, Dexter, Northfield, South Lyon, Scio, Superior, Northville City, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Lyon, Salem, Huron Valley Ambulance, Michigan State Police and Washtenaw County Sheriff,” Poulos posted.

“Without you the loss would have been greater. We have already started the cleaning process today and will keep you posted as we learn more on our long road ahead. Our plan is to reopen, we're just



Fire fighters and engines from 14 local departments responded last Wednesday to the blaze at Karl's Cabin on Gotfredson Road.

not sure how long it will take. As sad as we are for our staff and guests we are so happy no one was hurt. Stay tuned for more information as we obtain it. Thank you support and understanding,” the post concluded.

Dog

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where students can learn with peace of mind,” said Shawn Wilson, president of the Plymouth Canton Community

Schools Board of Education. “That's why our board is deeply supportive of innovative ways to foster a safe and welcoming environment, including bringing a K-9 therapy dog like Echo on board.”

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth donated \$13,000 to pay

for Echo and fund his professional training. The gift is part of a wider effort from local service organizations to promote school safety, a spokesman said. The community-wide drive aims to raise funds for upgraded security measures in all Plymouth Canton Community Schools facilities.

Plymouth Rotary Past President Dale Yagiela helped launch the idea of a K-9 therapy dog in 2022.

“Echo and his handler are a key part of our security plan and we are very excited to welcome them to our district,” School Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt said. “We would particu-

larly like to thank the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth for the lead gift in this effort as well as ongoing support for the program from our school board members. This is a great example of the way residents of this great community band together to support our students and staff”

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WESTLAND

Classroom or courtroom District court judges conducting high school truancy hearings

Students at John Glenn High School in Westland can go to class or go to court.

Judges at the 18th District Court have partnered with the Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Wayne Westland Community Schools district to combat the rise in chronic absenteeism among high school students.

Explanations for chronic absenteeism vary widely and include such issues as lack of transportation, homelessness, substance abuse, untreated men-

tal health issues, and lack of medical insurance. Addressing these issues early helps students achieve better success as they progress through high school, a court spokesman said.

Judges Sandra Ference Cicirelli and Mark A. McConnell preside over these intervention hearings with at risk students, their parents, school officials and staff of the Westland Youth Assistance Program. At these hearings, the student's record of attendance and academic performance are reviewed as well as

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any disciplinary history. The youth assistance program is utilized to provide support services for the students and families.

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and hopefully academic achievement, a court representative noted. During this informal hearing, a partnership is formed between the parents, students, school officials, Westland Youth Assistance staff, and the judges.

Often, students are empowered by this process because they play an active role in identifying solutions with school personnel. Cases are generally monitored every two months.

"This collaboration creates an atmosphere in which parents get support and students get to school. It is hoped that this will reduce truancy, while avoiding formal court involvement. If this intervention fails, formal truancy proceedings will be filed with the Wayne County Juvenile Court," according to a court spokesman.

Police department seeking crossing guard applicants

The Westland Police Department is looking for candidates to serve as crossing guards in the city, helping students safely cross streets as they travel to and from classes.

Three students in the Wayne Westland Community Schools district have been involved in serious vehicle accidents during the past few months, officials said, proving the need for help at city intersections.

Candidates for the crossing guard positions will receive training in topics such as

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stranger danger, CPR/First Aid, missing persons, and other safety procedures. Crossing guards will be assigned to work at a variety of posts in school parking lots and at intersections throughout the city, police officials said.

Minimum qualifications for

the job include a criminal history check and candidates must be aware of the responsibility for the safety of children. Candidates must be dependable and available to work during the hours of 7 until 9:30 a.m. and/or 2:30 until 4:15 p.m.

Crossing guards are paid \$15 per hour and must be physically able to provide safe crossing for school children and pedestrians during school drop-off and dismissal, including observing and stopping vehicular traffic. Crossing guards also assist lost or injured students or others who may need assistance and should represent a positive image of the Westland Police Department and school district.

Applications are available at the front desk of the police department or online at:

<https://www.cityofwestland.com/.../Crossing-Guard-2022...>

Applications can be completed online or printed and submitted at the Westland Police Department. Crossing guards will work under the training and supervision of the Westland Police Department Traffic Bureau.

For more information, contact Ofc. Michael Aldini with the Westland Police Department Traffic Bureau at maldini@wlpd.net or (734) 722-9633.



Security session

Students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center cybersecurity program visited Westland City Hall recently to get a first-hand look at an enterprise level IT department functions and procedures related to cyber security during daily operations. Chief Innovation Officer Craig Brown, Mayor Michael P. Londeau and Chief of Staff Michael Reddy greeted the students and Instructor Joshua Rychlicki, who also heads the learning lab at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. The students were provided examples of networking tools used for monitoring the environment, important aspects of cybersecurity and some of the challenges faced by the industry.

Library services moved to school

Renovations at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland on Central City Parkway are under way and should be complete on schedule, officials said.

During the major remodeling of the library building, full library services are available at Marshall Elementary School,

35100 Bayview St.

Patrons can check out and return items, fax/copy/print materials, use the computers and other services usually available at the library. The entrance and parking for the library is at the rear of the school building, accessible by the west driveway.

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